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WE OFFER

Counselling

Case Management

In-house services

Mentorship

With
Professionalism
and
Confidentiality

OUR SERVICES

We provide variety of services and support to survivors of abuse, sexual assault, neglect, homelessness, child prostitution, and more

Our Pillars includes Advocacy, Awareness-Raising, Livelihood, Research, and Capacity Building.

Confidentiality and professionalism are what we referred to as the "SRF Dress Code." We take pride in what we do and value those we serve!

Among other Sub-Programs we also offer Case Management, Mentoring, Partnerships, Adoption, Scholarships to our top-grade survivors, School Lunch to Partnered Schools, Counseling, Placement, Treatment etc...

NEWS HIGHLIGHT

1. Operation HOPE
2. My Story – My Life -V4J School Club
3. Advocacy Campaign
4. Inter-Pri School Spelling-Bee
5. International Day for Education
6. Anti-Violence Campaign
7. Coming-Up

Shalom Rescue Foundation works with the most vulnerable groups in the society especially children and adolescents who suffer as a result of abuse (directly or indirectly). We ensure that they live a happy and healthy life in a safe environment through our livelihood, partnership, advocacy and referral programs.

“Operation Hope” is an initiative developed to foster collaboration with other likeminded Organization or Individuals in bringing hope to children and adolescents who are going through challenges.

In this case, we joined forces with a team led by the Psycho-Social Unit at Connaught Hospital on Thursday 5th January 2023 in complementing their work at the Pediatric Ward (Ward One) by sharing gifts to these children with health challenge.

Play-toys & education materials..

OPERATION HOPE



...were given to every child that was admitted in the Ward.

We also listen to parents and caregivers who shared their stories and other concerns; in which we offered word...

...of encouragement and reassurances of HOPE!

In attendance were the Head of Nutrition, Matron, Doctors and Nurses on Duty. We do hope for a lasting impact.

THE STORY OF 10 YEARS OLD “AMINATA”



(A safe space for survivor to express themselves)

Aminata is a promising girl that started her early education in the provinces (Masinbi Village). At the age of six (6), she came to Freetown to live with her Aunt.

Unfortunately, things started getting sour when her aunt starts giving preferential treatment in favor of her own children. She physically and verbally abuses Aminata and sends her out of the house for minor mistakes.

On an occasion when she was thrown out of the house, she encountered a man who offered to help her with food – not knowing his actual intention was to abuse her sexually. She resisted - fought him off, then reported the incident to her Aunt.

The man (perpetrator) happens to be a close friend to the family. At the end of the day, they accused her of enticing the man, and threatened her with severe punishment if she tells anyone about the “attempted rape” and physical assault.

This traumatic event led to loss of sleep, inattentiveness in class and withdrawal.

The V4J facilitators who also serve as counselors upon hearing her story provided her with professional psychosocial support. They further visited the home and engaged her Aunt. The Aunt apologized and promise total commitment to protect and take good care of Aminata.

Now, Aminata is happy and doing very well in her school work. She can now tell her story without being ashamed or stigmatized.

We continue to do our follow-up as total healing is a process.

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN



(From left to right: Wulamatu, Emmanuel, and Samuel)

Advocacy is one of our Main Pillars at SRF. As an Organization that seeks to give voice to the voiceless, we continue to engage government and key stakeholders for the provision of special-care and support for children and adolescent survivors through various media houses with our campaign messages.

Special thanks to Radio Maria Sierra Leone and Redeemer Media Network for providing the platform through which have reached thousands of listeners across the country.

We will not relent at being A VOICE for JUSTICE!

INTER-PRIMARY SPELING-BEE



On 10th March 2023 Shalom Rescue Foundation organized an Inter-primary School Spelling Bee Competition at the Sierra Leone Library. This was one of the numerous enjoyable moments that give pupils a platform to learn spellings in different ways.

It aimed at helping pupils improve their spellings, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop the use of correct English.

Children participated earnestly in the competition. Their efforts and initiative was appreciated by one and all.

The first runner-up was Abdulrahim Kamara (Samaria Primary School), Second runner-up was Ernest Sango (FAWA Primary School Kroo bay) and the winner - Aminata Kamara (Regent Square Primary School).

This event is intended to be annually and we are encouraging partners and sponsors. Join us and let's make a difference together.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION



(Social worker engages pupils on the International Day theme)

The power of unity knows no bounds, transcending geographical borders, cultures, and backgrounds. On this remarkable occasion of the International Day of Unity, we stand hand in hand with the global community, joined by its esteemed partners and dedicated patrons.

This celebration marks the 64th anniversary of this significant day, underscoring the Foundation's commitment to fostering collaboration, compassion, and positive change.

A Global Force for Good

Shalom Rescue Foundation has firmly established itself as a beacon of hope and humanitarianism on the international stage. With a passionate resolve to make the world a better place, the foundation has consistently demonstrated its dedication to uplifting vulnerable communities and championing causes that matter most. From addressing social inequalities to providing relief in times of crisis, Shalom Rescue Foundation has emerged as a global force for good.

Unity in Diversity

The International Day of Unity is a poignant reminder that despite our differences, we are bound by our shared humanity. We exemplify this ethos by embracing diversity and recognizing the strength that comes from inclusivity. Collaborating with partners and patrons from around the world, the foundation exemplifies how a united front can drive transformative change.

At the heart of our success lies the unwavering support of our esteemed partners and patrons. This celebration not only commemorates the International Day of Unity but also acknowledges the invaluable contributions of those who have stood by the foundation's side, providing resources, expertise, and a shared vision. Together, they've amplified the impact of our initiatives and paved the way for a brighter future.

Looking Forward

As we join the global community in celebrating the International Day of Unity, it is a time for reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment. The challenges that face our world are significant, but through unity, compassion, and collaboration, we can overcome them. We remain resolute in our mission to uplift the marginalized, advocate for the voiceless, and drive positive change on a global scale.

We hope that this celebration will serve as a reminder that when we join hands and work together, we have the power to create a world that is more just, more equitable, and more compassionate for all.

OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACT WORK



Impact:

Our dual approach of community awareness on SGBV and child rights education through school tours has a profound impact on the communities it serves. By raising awareness about SGBV and empowering children with knowledge, we contribute to the creation of a safer and more respectful society where children's rights are upheld and protected.

Empowerment Through Knowledge:

By educating women and girls about their rights, consent, and personal boundaries, we empower them to recognize inappropriate behavior, speak up, and seek help if necessary.



Community Awareness on SGBV:

We recognize the urgent need to combat SGBV which is a pervasive issue that affects countless lives across communities. Through community awareness campaigns, we take proactive steps to educate individuals about the various forms of SGBV, its detrimental impacts on survivors, and the avenues available for seeking help and justice. By partnering with local organizations, we empower community members to recognize signs of SGBV, support survivors, and actively contribute to prevention efforts.

Our Commitment:

Shalom Rescue Foundation is committed to community awareness on SGBV and child rights education which we believe is a vital step toward creating a world free from violence and injustice. Through our initiatives and networks, we will continue to bring about positive change - one empowered child at a time.



COMING UP...

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH:

The theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023, "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity."

WORLD MENSTRUAL HYGIENE CAMPAIGN:

Advocacy and Awareness Raising plus the distribution of our Dignity Package which will contain: Sanitary Pads, soap, sanitary towels, deodorant, shaving stick, and a menstrual-hygiene teaching manual.

AWARENESS RAISING - FOOTBALL GALA:

To raise awareness on issues relating to sexual abuse, rape and other forms of violence against women, children and youths - as we approach our general elections.

LIVELIHOOD - DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS:

Join our team as we take this opportunity to spread awareness about the plight of street children in Sierra Leone. We provide a voice for them so that their rights cannot be ignored.

Our Partners:



COP



Mental Health Coalition



Child Right Coalition



Human Right Commission



Legal Aid Board

We also work with:

- The Government of Sierra Leone through Min. of Social welfare, and Mn. Of Gender and Childrens' Affair
- Councelling and Psychosocial Unit Connaught Hospital
- Family Support Unit (SLP)
- SLUDI
- Local Community Stakeholders

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